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What's up

Security

Classified document security is the responsibility of each section. Classified material should be destroyed as it is obsolete. Also, discussions about exercise issues should be avoided outside controlled areas. Locations of the CP, the duration and scope of the exercise cannot be discussed over open telephone lines.

Physical fitness facilities

Kelly Gym is open 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Weekdays and 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Weekends and Holidays. There's a basketball court and two racket ball courts. The swimming pool is open 5:30 to 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. from Wednesday to Friday. Thursday is Open Swim, 5 to 8 p.m. Weekends & U.S. Holiday hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Recreation Center & Library

The Recreation Center and Library are open from Noon to 9 p.m. daily, except on Tuesday when it is closed.

Camp Henry Theater

5/11 (Sun) - ANGER
MANAGEMENT (1900~)
5/12 (Mon) - THE HUNTED
(1900~)

*"Do not let yesterday
use up too much of today."
-Cherokee Proverb*



Photo by Pfc. Yoon, Jong Pil

Members of the Eighth Army war fight in the EAOC at CP Oscar.

Operation Pacific Victory provides chance to hone skills

By Sgt. Russell C. Bassett

Second Infantry Division's Warfighter, "Operation Pacific Victory" began this weekend at the simulation center at Camp Casey and Command Post Oscar in Camp Walker.

Eighth Army, in a break from its normal role as the theater command, played 2nd Inf. Div.'s higher headquarters, 17th Blue-land Corps.

"This exercise allows all of us to take off our Army-service-component-command hat and put on a wartime Corps hat," said Maj. Joseph L. Lopez, exercise

officer for Pacific Victory. "It allows us to operate as a Corps headquarters and plan combat missions, which is something we don't usually play here at 8th Army."

The exercise differs from previous exercises this year, UFL and RSO&I, because it was designed to evaluate 2ID alone.

"There are specific training objectives that are focused at the division level," said Maj. Gen. Dennis Klein, deputy commanding general for the exercise. "(2ID) is going to be doing the same things that any division size unit would be doing to test various events that all

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The Spirit of Hwarang

Warfighter Exercise supports realistic, stressful training for ASCC/ARFOR, Corps, Division, and Brigade commanders and supports Army components participating in joint exercises to assist the CSA in fulfilling his duties to provide trained and ready units to win decisively on the modern battlefield and to conduct contingency operations worldwide. BCTP uses simulation centers worldwide to train commands and staffs.

Division Commanders normally execute a Battle Command Training Program (BCTP) Warfighter Exercise (WFX) during the first year of command. These Command Post Exercises (CPXs) are the primary collective training events for essential battlefield management and decision making skills for battalion staffs and above. Conduct embedded WFXs whenever possible to maximize time management and achieve better training results.

Fifteen centuries ago, when this part of Korea was known as the Kingdom of Shilla, a group of Shilla warriors called the "Hwarang" demonstrated their battle skills and their nobility in this same area. The Hwarang was a youth organization led by a single "Kook sun," the spiritual leader. Under this leader, the Hwarangs led thousands of "Nangdo" to become a Hwarang. These young, aspiring warriors trained in martial arts and in academics, aspiring to become a Hwarang. A knightly code of conduct resulted from Hwarang-do training, and the Hwarang members visited beautiful places within the Kingdom, engaging in both military and spiritual exercises to cleanse and train their minds and bodies.

It is in the spirit of Hwarang that this newsletter was created to honor the service members and events of this year's Warfighter exercise "Operation Pacific Victory" that demonstrate the spirit of Hwarang.

This newsletter is also available on-line at <http://8tharmy.korea.army.mil/PAO/hwarang3.htm>.

For more information, call 764-3486 or e-mail us at bassettr@usfk.korea.army.mil.

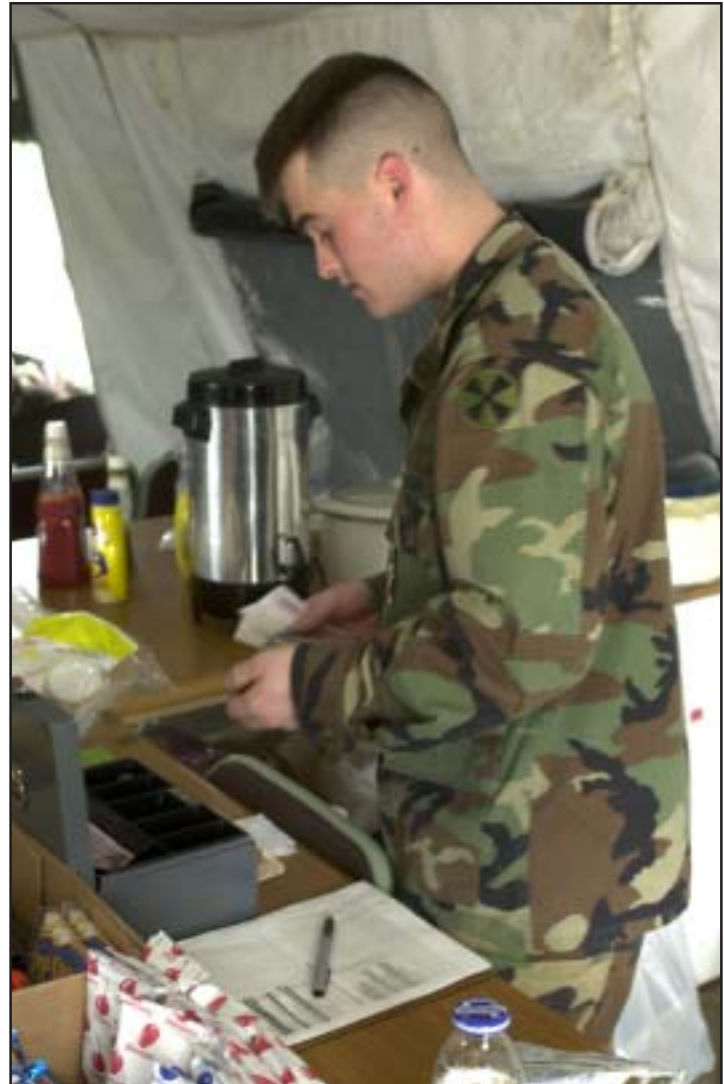


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A soldier works at the MWR tent at the LSA. The tent provides snacks, drinks, internet access and phones.

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divisions do.”

Klein went on to say that Pacific Victory also differs from UFL and RSO&I in that the enemy situation is different.

“The enemy in this case has not really crossed an international boundary per se, so the scenario is a little different from what we fight towards in our normal exercises,” he said.

The exercise gives soldiers from the private just out of initial training to the general who has seen actual combat a chance to hone their skills as a fighter of wars.

“The individual soldier is doing their wartime mission,” said Lopez. “They are assigning grids or going through NBC exercises or setting up radios.”

“For the most part, Eighth Army on a day-to-day basis is not concentrating on everything that is associated with war fighting; they are focused on things it takes to keep everything running here on the peninsula” said Klein. “We only have a few opportu-

nities each year to put on our war fighting hats and focus solely on war fighting. Any time you can do that, the better you are going to be as a war fighter because you are improving your skills.”

The U.S. military presence has deterred aggression against South Korea for 50 years because of exercises like Operation Pacific Victory and will continue to be “ready to fight tonight,” because of these exercises.

“We have an exceptional army with a high state of readiness on the peninsula,” said Klein. “We are always seeking to improve ourselves individually and collectively as an organization and it shows in everything we do.”

Meal hours

Camp Walker DFAC hours from May 9 to 16.

Breakfast: 5:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Lunch: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dinner: 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Midnight: 10 p.m to 12 a.m. Night shift workers only.



Photo by Pfc. Yoon, Jong Pil

Members of the Life Support Area coordinate transportation to and from Yongsan, Camp Casey and Camp Walker



Member of Pacific Victory symbol of the Cold War's end

Story, photos by Pfc. Yoon, Jong Pil



Spc. Sergeyvich Maltsev

"If you really want something, nothing is impossible. It's you who can make it possible," said Alexander Sergeyvich Maltsev, a 23 year-old Russian who is currently serving in the U.S. Army.

Maltsev works in the 8th Army's G-4 section as an administration specialist. He usually deals with awards, personnel status and other administration work. We caught up with him while providing security at the gate to CP Oscar.

At the age of 17, Maltsev came to the United States as an exchange

student from Moscow University to study Computer Science. While he was in the U.S., he decided to join the Army because he desired citizenship and because he thought he'd like serving in the Army. "I like working in the U.S. Army and with the people I work with," said Maltsev.

Maltsev speaks four languages fluently. Due to the 17 years he spent in Russia and in Ukraine, both Russian and Ukrainian are his native languages. As a student, Maltsev also spent ten months in France and studied French in middle school and high school. And, of course, he speaks English fluently.

Apart from his language ability, his educational background also distinguishes him from the average soldier. "I've finished my Bachelors of Science (at New York University) and have enrolled in the same university for a Masters degree in Business," he said. "I should be graduating next March with my Masters."

Maltsev is interested in be-

coming a French or Russian linguist for the Army but he said he is unsure if he will reenlist or not.

"I like the Army and the people in the Army; it's not an easy decision to make," he said. "If I do get out of the Army, I would like to do work that relates to computer science or business, probably something to do with international business."

Maltsev was quick to downplay his uniqueness.

"I'm not unique or special. Different people come from all around the world to work in the U.S. Army, I'm just one of them who came from Russia," Maltsev explained.



Maltsev checks bags at the CP Oscar entrance

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Voice of Warfighter: What did you forget to bring that you wish you had brought?



Maj. Denise McClure

HHC, 8th Army G-4
Plans

"Fan. The billets are a bit warm for sleeping in the daytime, and I forgot my coffee mug, which is required in the logistics center."



Cpl. Shin, Sang-Won

HHC, 8th Army
Engineer

"I brought a blanket instead of a sleeping bag to reduce luggage, not knowing that it gets very cold at night. So I couldn't get a good sleep."



Spc. Daniel Caperton

HHC, 8th Army G-3 IO

"Shower shoes, because it is unsanitary to walk around public bathrooms and in public showers barefoot."

Sgt. 1st Class
Thomas Knight

HHC, 164th ATS GRP

"I forgot my pillow. I don't like to wake up with a sore neck. I'll just have to make do this time."

Calling Home

Using access numbers provided by major U.S. long distance companies could save you money when calling home, depending on your particular service provider. Just call the number and follow instructions.

AT&T.....550-4663
MCI 550.....550-2255
SPRINT.....550-3663

Pre-paid phone cards, which can be used on both DSN and civilian lines, are also available at several locations on post, which average about 10 cents a minute.



Transportation

The shuttle for Camp Henry and Camp George leaves from Camp Walker's Gate #6, near the PX, at the following times:

Morning
12:43#, 1:43#, 2:41#, 7:03*, 7:26*, 7:33, 8:43, 9:46, 10:46, and 11:46 a.m.

Afternoon/Evening
12:46, 1:46, 2:43, 3:46, 4:46, 5:27*, 5:43, 6:07*, 6:43, 7:43, 8:46, 9:43, 10:43, and 11:43 p.m.

(#=Fri, Sat nights only / *= Mon to Fri only)
Taxi service is also available daily. For service call 768-8623.



Weather for Daegu, South Korea

MAY 11



Hi	Low
74 F	52 F
23 C	11 C

MAY 12



Hi	Low
78 F	53 F
25 C	11 C

MAY 13



Hi	Low
75 F	56 F
23 C	13 C